

REMARKS

In the final office action mailed August 6, 2010, the Examiner (i) rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, (ii) noted that claims 5, 6, 10, and 16 are withdrawn, and (iii) allowed claims 2-4, 7-9, 11-15, 17 and 18.

By this response, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant does not acquiesce in the rejections of these claims, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter these claims, and any other subject matter of this application, in one or more continuation applications.

Further, Applicant has re-written claim 13 as new claim 23 and cancelled claim 13 because claim 13 depended from claim 15. Applicant submits that claim 23 recites verbatim the subject matter of claim 13 (now cancelled).

Now pending are claims 2-4, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 23, all of which are allowed. Therefore, Applicant looks forward to receipt of a notice of allowance.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case with the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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